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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CLEARANCES FOR SEABOARD WORLD AIRLINES FLIGHTS

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1. IRANIAN DGCO CALLED EMBASSY MORNING DEC 2 TO SAY THAT APPROVALS FOR SEABOARD WORLD FLIGHTS TO TEHRAN ON DEC 7, 10, 18 AND 24 GRANTED PER REFTEL, HAD BEEN ERRONEOUSLY GRANTED. DGCA EXPLAINED THAT APPROVAL GIVEN ON BASIS TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH IRAN AIR BUT DGCA HAD JUST RECEIVED LETTER FROM IRAN AIR OBJECTING TO FLIGHTS ON GROUND THAT AIR TRAFFIC BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND IRAN SHOULD BE SHARED BY "DESIGNATED CARRIERS," I.E. PAN AM AND IRAN AIR. DGCA LEGAL DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING MATTER TO ADMINISTRATOR ARBABI AND HOPES TO ACHIEVE EVENTUAL APPROVAL, CITING EMBOFF'S VIEW WE CANNOT ACCEPT IRAN AIR'S OBJECTION AS STATED. EMBOFF WILL ALSO FOLLOW UP WITH ADMINISTRATOR ARBABI.

2. FRANKFURT: PLS INFORM HECK OF SEABOARD, FRANKFURT/MAIN AIRPORT, THAT APPROVALS NOT YET DEFINITE. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS WE HAVE GOTTEN FIRM WORD.

3. COMMENT: REFERENCE TO SHARING BETWEEN PAM AM AND IRAN AIR DOES NOT IN IRAN AIR VIEW MEAN THAT IT MUST BE PHYSICALLY CARRIED BY ONE OF THESE CARRIERS, BUT THAT IRAN AIR WANTS TO CONTROL ABOUT ONE HALF OF THE CHARTER TRAFFIC, I.E., THEY ARE TRYING EITHER TO GET THE BUSINESS THEMSELVES OR GET SOME SORT OF NON-OBJECTION FEE.

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